

# THE RCC WEEKLY

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## STEM SPEAKER SERIES

### *Everyone Needs Water and Water Hires Everyone*

**Date:** Tues, Oct 30, 1:30—2:45pm

**Location:** 3-121

**Speaker:** Sean D. Osborne, Professional Engineer, Principal OSD Consulting



Every day, each of us depends upon this country's advanced water and wastewater infrastructure. And every day, thousands of engineers, scientists, operators, machinists, treasurers and customer service personnel work to maintain, repair and improve our water infrastructure. This presentation will illustrate one civil engineer's perspective on how this professional community operates and how to have a successful career in it.

Pizza and soda will be served.

*Sponsored by STEM Division and Mass Space Grant Consortium.*

## TITLE III COLLOQUIA

### *Using Excel to Keep Grades*

**Presenter:** Professor Richard Eells

**Date:** Friday, Nov 2, 1:30- 2:30PM

**Location:** 3- 207Q

*Richard Eells teaches in the Math Department at Roxbury Community College.*

### *How to best shape and bend to bridge the gap between the ideal and the real RCC student?*

#### **RESCHEDULED Due to Conflict**

**Presenter:** Professor Quentin James

**Date:** Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1:30-2:30PM

**Location:** 3- 207Q

"Who are RCC students? How do their experiences, learning platforms, and life objectives differ from the archetypal student? How much and in what way, should we alter the way in which we teach, tutor, and interact with them?" Please join Prof. James for this vital discussion.

*Quentin James teaches in the English Department at Roxbury Community College. He also serves as the evening Writing Center Associate.*

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DISPLAY @ the Library



**Barack Obama**

*Democrat*



**Mitt Romney**

*Republican*



**Jill Stein**

*Green Party*



**Gary Johnson**

*Libertarian*

The RCC Library has a fabulous collection of books about American presidents and presidential elections. Take a look at some of these books at our display at the circulation desk, and cast **YOUR** vote for President in our ballot box. Let's see who RCC really would like as President!!!!!! The results of this mock election will be posted on the Library's Facebook page on Election Day.

## COMMUNITY CAREER FAIR



*Outside the Student Building - Hundreds of people waiting in line to attend the Community Career Fair.*

The Fall 2012 Community Career Fair, sponsored by RCC and JobNet, MA One stop career center was held on Tuesday, October 23th in the Student Building.

About 2,000 people attended the event, most of whom left feeling satisfied with their time connecting with their potential future employers. The attendees were RCC students, alums, faculty, staff and community residents.

Almost 100 representatives from 46 employers participated. Their feedback on their experience in the career fair has been outstanding. The organizations were intensely diversity-minded and dedicated to the community. They came from a spectrum of professions, industries, non-profits and community organizations.

"This was fantastic Career Fair! Most job seekers came away from the Career Fair with a renewed enthusiasm regarding the job search



process. I have heard nothing, but praise from the Fenway CDC "Walk to Work " applicants who attended the Career Fair; all secured interviews. I want to express my sincere appreciation for your advanced planning, which made the Career Fair such a success!. Superb job! Congratulations! Thank you for making this RCC Career Fair so memorable"- *Kris Anderson, Fenway CDC.*

"This was a great event! A huge number of people stopped by the Admissions Table to learn about Roxbury Community College and its

offerings"- *Gloria Castro, RCC.*

### Employers Comments:

- "Yours was the best career fair we attended, Thank you!"
- "Look forward to the next one."
- "We appreciate you inviting us to this Career Fair. It is important to offer this opportunity to our community."
- "It was well organized and I had the opportunity to talk to a good number of people."
- "The organization of the event was great, and the folks that worked it were so helpful and attentive."
- "We appreciate your inviting us to this Career Fair. It is important to offer this opportunity to our community."

The Spring 2013 career fair event will be held in April. More details later.

Kudos to Irina Galatskaya for the excellent organization of the Fall Career Fair.





## RCC FACULTY PRESENT AT ACLC

### Integrated Learning for All: Engaging Students at Every Level

In a collaborative venture Professors Everest Onuoha and Charles Wibiralske (Roxbury Community College); Ariela McCaffrey and Eileen Medeiros (Johnson & Wales University) recently presented at the **Atlantic Center Learning Community Conference (ACLC)** in Hartford, CT from October 17-19<sup>th</sup>. The joint effort examined the use of tacit knowledge to engage learners from a point of strength in exploring the boundaries of academic discourse. The joint faculty shared the podium in an interactive workshop that exemplified two approaches to using knowledge and experiences that students bring with them to the classroom. The presenters demonstrated how they built upon students' knowledge and backgrounds in order to introduce new learners to the concept of academic learning communities and to academic discourse communities.

Food and community were the major themes for the collaborative session. The Johnson and Wales University professors reported engaging students by asking them to create art. The Roxbury Community College faculty discussed using cuisine as an entry into orate knowledge that empowers the speaker and the writer.



The **Atlantic Learning Community Conference** is an annual event hosted by Johnson and Wales University. Professor Onuoha teaches English in the Division of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies; Professor Wibiralske teaches the College Experience in the Division of Student Success. Their presentation was entitled: *Tell Me about It: Shared Experiences That Inform Instruction*.

For more information about the conference visit their website at [wagner.edu/aclc/](http://wagner.edu/aclc/)

## CELEBRATE ART AND LITERATURE AT RCC

### With Members of the Honors Program



**Jamaica Pond Color Memory**  
*Mosaic by*  
Karen Ann Victoria O'Brien  
Acrylic on canvas,  
24"x48"



**Introspective by**  
Dorothy Uhlig Green  
Oil, 26"x21"



### Honors Social

Tuesday, October 30

*Guided Tour of Visual Art*, 4:30pm -5:30pm  
(Outside Library Entrance)

*Light Supper*, 5:30pm – 6:30pm  
(3-424)

Do you ever notice the works of art on campus as you rush to class or chat with friends in the halls? Have you stopped to take a closer look at the art or wondered what the artist's possible message is to the viewer? Mark Lawrence, Director of RCC's Library, will lead us on a guided tour of the visual art

displayed on the first and second floors of the Academic Building. We hope that this introduction to the visual pieces will inspire you to submit poems that can be displayed alongside them. Your poetic responses will not only engage students' perspectives of the art, they will extend the richness of these artistic creations through literature.

After the tour, there will be a light supper and an opportunity to talk further about art, literature, the Honors Program or simply commune with friends. **Send RSVPs to [rgray@rcc.mass.edu](mailto:rgray@rcc.mass.edu) by noon on Thursday, October, 25, 2012.**

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AT RCC

Hispanic Heritage month is a tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

On Monday, October 22nd, Dr. Vanessa Calderon-Rosado, Chief Executive Officer for Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA) presented to a large audience in the Student Building. In her presentation, **Viva La Cultura: Influence of Latinos in the 21st Century**, she exemplified the contributions of numerous Hispanic Americans with stories about local history, such as Puerto Rican Tenants in Action – IBA, and national history, including contributions of note in the areas of civil rights, scientific discovery, entertainment, law, and more.

*The event was sponsored by the International Multicultural Institute.*



Be sure to visit the Resnikoff Gallery for an art exhibit featuring three Latin American artists.



## RCC Tote Bags

Specially hand crafted bags designed exclusively for Roxbury Community College are still available. The bags, which come with blue or black accents, cost \$20 each. All proceeds support alumni programs.

### How can you get one?

Bags can be purchased at the Development Office. Stop by Room 306 in the Administration Building or call 617-541-5394. Checks should be made payable to Roxbury Community College Foundation. To pay by credit card, please go to the RCC Business Office.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**October 30:** Faculty Meeting with VP Mercomes (Faculty Lounge)

**October 30:** STEM Speaker Series (3-121)

**October 30:** Honors Social

**November 2:** T3 Colloquium(3- 207Q)

**November 6:** T3 Colloquium (3- 207Q)

## Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Wednesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at [jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu](mailto:jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu)